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***FATHER-SON TEAM SENTENCED
ON FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES CHARGES***

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, today announced that **BRODERICK JOHN DASS, 48**, and his son, **BRANDON DASS, 19**, who were charged in August 2004 in an eighteen-count indictment with multiple violations of federal firearms and explosives statutes, false statements to law enforcement, and illegally entering military property, were sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Savannah.

The Indictment stemmed from five separate but related events: the arrest of the Dasses on Ft. Stewart on July 17, 2004; the subsequent re-arrest of the Dasses on July 21, 2004, on a federal criminal complaint alleging multiple federal firearms violations in connection with their arrest on July 17; the explosion which occurred in a Savannah garbage dumpster in the early morning hours of July 22, 2004; the subsequent search of the Dasses' home which led to the recovery of a large cache of weapons; and, the discovery of an AT-4 anti-tank warhead under the home after police responded to the report of a burglary on August 9, 2004.

BRODERICK DASS was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$3,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment after earlier pleading guilty to one count of possession of sixteen firearms and related ammunition as a convicted felon, and one count of possession of seven stolen military explosives, including an 84mm AT-4 High Explosive Anti-Armor Warhead.

BRANDON DASS was sentenced to 72 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment after earlier pleading guilty to one count of possession of an illegal machine gun.

In imposing each sentence, U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield went above the recommended guidelines range under the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines finding that the departure was justified because of the extreme dangerousness of the defendants' conduct.

Wood praised the agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Police, explosive ordinance specialists from Ft. Stewart, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, and the Savannah Fire Department who conducted the investigation. The lead prosecutor representing the United States was Assistant U.S. Attorney Darrin L. McCullough in Savannah.

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